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Dr. Eric P. Schlaf  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 E. Capitol Avenue  
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**Re: List of Potential Retail Competition Workshop Discussion Topics  
distributed by Staff on June 8, 2006.**

Dear Dr. Schlaf:

Overall, the Coalition of Energy Suppliers (“Coalition”)<sup>1</sup> believes that the list of potential retail competition workshop discussion topics distributed by Staff on June 8 will provide the Commission with a wide array of possible opportunities to promote the development of competitive retail electric markets.

In reviewing the June 8 list, the Coalition notes that:

- Although a number of parties submitted recommendations on which issues they believe could be addressed in the “short term”— i.e. prior to the end of the transition period — those recommendations are not reflected in the June 8 list. The Coalition believes it would be useful for the Commission to consider those recommendations as it reviews and prioritizes the issues it would like to see the workshop address.

For example, with regard to the promotion of residential and small commercial competition, the Coalition believes Utility Consolidated Billing (“UCB”) and Purchase of Receivables (“POR”) programs and telephonic enrollments (with appropriate consumer

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<sup>1</sup> The Coalition currently is comprised of Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., Direct Energy Services, LLC, MidAmerican Energy Company, Peoples Energy Services Corporation, and U.S. Energy Savings Corp. The positions set out herein represent the positions of the Coalition as a group, but do not necessarily represent the positions of individual Coalition member companies.

protections) are critical in attracting competitive retail electric suppliers to Illinois. The Coalition also believes that revisions to the General Account Agency (“GAA”) forms and GAA processes of the incumbent electric utilities, as well as expanded use of electronic data interchange (“EDI”) platforms should be pursued prior to the end of the transition period.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the Coalition believes that listing GAA, EDI, UCB/POR, and telephonic enrollment as “short term” issues is appropriate.

- With regard to a UCB and POR program, the Coalition believes that this topic would be more accurately portrayed in the list as two topics rather than one. Utility Consolidated Billing, standing alone without a Purchase of Receivables program, would promote competitive retail electric markets in Illinois.

The Coalition appreciates this opportunity to comment on the list of potential workshop topics.

Sincerely,

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DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY  
PEOPLES ENERGY SERVICES  
CORPORATION  
U.S. ENERGY SAVINGS CORP.**

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<sup>2</sup> The Coalition recognizes that the GAA, EDI, UCB and POR issues, as they relate to ComEd’s service territory, are currently pending before the Commission in ICC Docket No. 05-0597. If the Commission fails to adopt the Coalition’s recommendations in 05-0597, the Coalition would urge that these topics be addressed in the short term in the Retail Competition Workshops.